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SUBJ: GOMR REQUESTS DEPARTURE PORTUGUESE DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL

- 1. MALAGASY MOFA INFORMED FRG EMBASSY 23APR ALL PORTUGUESE PERSONNEL OF PORTUGUESE INTERESTS SECTION THERE ARE REQUESTED LEAVE MADAGASCAR. GERMAN EMBASSY WAS REQUESTED TO SOUND OUT CHIEF PORTUGUESE INTERESTS SECTION LUIS GASPAR DA SILVA (SOURCE ALL THIS INFO) CONCERNING AMOUNT OF TIME REQUIRED CLOSE INTERESTS SECTION ON ORDERLY BASIS. MOFA OFFICIAL APPARENTLY TOLD GERMAN EMBOFF GOMR HAS NOTHING AGAINST DA SILVA AND STAFF PERSONALLY NOR ARE MALAGASY-PORTUGUESE RELATIONS AT CRITICALLY BAD STATE; HOWEVER, TIME HAS COME TO SHUT UP SHOP.
- 2. DA SILVA, IN RESPONSE DCM QUESTION, SAID HE BELIEVES TIMING OF GOMR DECISION BASED PRIMARILY ON HIS SUBMISSION REQUEST TO MOFA FOR RENEWAL MULTIPLE EXIT AND ENTRY VISA (AS DISTICNT FROM DIP VISA VALID UNTIL TERMINATION INDIVIDUAL'S DIP MISSION). SUCH VISA WOULD HAVE BEEN REQUIRED TO PERMIT DA SILVA ATTEND FORTHCOMING GOP CONFERENCE AT LM AND RETURN TANA. CONFIDENTIAL

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3. DA SILVA IS PLANNING REQUEST GOMR PERMISSION TO STAY UNTIL DAUGHTER FINISHES TERM AT FRENCH SCHOOL TANANARIVE, SCHEDULED FOR 13JUN. ALTHOUGH HE VISIBLY IMPRESSED BY GOMR RESPECT FOR DIPLOMATIC FAIR PLAY IN HIS CASE (COMPARED TO ISRAELI DIPLOMATS' LEARNING OF EXPULSION OVER LOCAL RADIO, DA SILVA DOUBTS SUCH GENEROUS DELAY WILL BE ACCORDED. HE PROMISED KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

4. COMMENT: WE HAVE FOUND IT SURPRISING PORTUGUESE INTERESTS SECTION HAS BEEN ALLOWED STAY OPEN THIS LONG AFTER TSIRANANA REGIME COLLAPSED IN MAY 1972 AND MALAGASY ADHERENCE TO POLICY OF DIALOGUE WITH MINORITY-RULED AFRICAN STATES WITH IT. MENDENHALL

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